

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Jiewen LUO et al.)	Examiner:	Esther BENOIT
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For:	“METHOD OF CLUSTER MANAGEMENT OF NETWORK DEVICES AND APPARATUS THEREOF”)	Date:	November 18, 2008
)	Re:	<i>Final Office Action</i>
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on January 21, 2009, an initial response to which is due no later than **April 21, 2009**, Applicants submit this amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.114 together with a Request for Continued Examination. The RCE fee set forth in 37. C.F.R. 1.17(e) has been paid concurrently with this electronic submission. Because this paper is filed in response to a Final Office Action, Applicants submit that this paper is a reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 and request expedited processing of this Response after Final Rejection as described in MPEP 714.13. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.